

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2021 Legislative Session

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Identifier: 0618-DNR-DGGS-3-5-2021
Title: GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Natural Resources
Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
Allocation: Geological & Geophysical Surveys
OMB Component Number: 1031

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Personal Services	139.3		139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3
Travel	8.0		8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Services	25.0		25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Commodities	25.0		25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	197.3	0.0	197.3	197.3	197.3	197.3	197.3

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	197.3		197.3	197.3	197.3	197.3	197.3
Total	197.3	0.0	197.3	197.3	197.3	197.3	197.3

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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This legislation would enhance the state's ability to support exploration for and development of state geothermal resources by creating a geothermal exploration leasing program that is better aligned with the state's existing oil and gas exploration license program.

The Division of Geological & Geophysical Survey's (DGGs) Energy Resources Section would resume a program to publish new and existing geologic data to advance the understanding of Alaska's geothermal energy resources. That would require a new full-time Geologist IV that will be responsible for collaborating with other DGGs sections, other Department of Natural Resource divisions, and federal agencies. In addition, they would publish maps, data and reports to attract investment in Alaska's geothermal resources. This position will also support the Division of Oil and Gas' geothermal program and increased geothermal exploration activity.

The Geologist IV position would be based in Fairbanks and will require funding in the amount of \$139.3 in Personal Services, \$8.0 in Travel, \$25.0 in Services, and \$25.0 in Commodities, for a total unrestricted general fund cost of \$197.3.